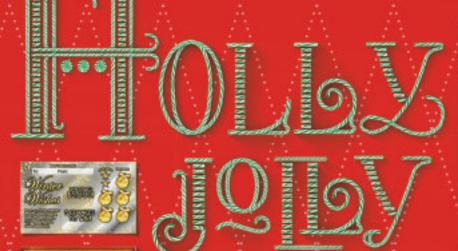




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# **NEWS** What's trending Metro.us 'The funniest "Elf ideas ever' 2'VIDEO: Man makes it snow to get kisses in Christmas

# City Hall veteran to be deputy mayor for HHS

**Experience.** The next deputy mayor for health and human services has worked in three previous administrations.

Mayor-elect Bill de Blasio appointed one of Mayor Michael Bloomberg's commissioners to head social service and health agencies in his administration, naming Lilliam Barrios-Paoli deputy mayor for health and human services Thursday.

Barrios-Paoli is currently the Commissioner for the Department for the Aging, appointed to that position by Bloomberg in 2008.

De Blasio said he chose Barrios-Paoli because she shared his "turgency" in expanding health care, preventing and reducing homelessness and protecting services.

"I know it's a huge assignment to have to fight on all these fronts simultaneously, but I know that Lilliam Barrios-Paoli is up to the task," de Blasio said.

Barrios-Paoli has held top-level positions under the last three mayors. She has also had a notable career in nonprofits, most recently running Safe Space NYC, which provides counseling to abused and vulnerable children and families throughout the city.



#### Résumé

Inequality

Barrios-Paoli is an alumna of both the Koch and Giuliani administrations, and most recently headed the city's Department for the Aging in the Bloomberg administration.

• She has worked within the Human Resources

Administration and the Department of Housing and Preservation Development, among other agencies.

Barrios-Paoli also has experience leading non-profits.

"I totally believe we're living a tale of two cities, no question about it."

**Barrios-Paoli**Pledging to do more for homeless and struggling New Yorkers

As deputy mayor, Barrios-Paoli will oversee several city agencies that work with some of New York City's most vulnerable populations.

Agencies working with such groups, such as the homeless, are sometimes accused by advocates of taking an auditing approach to their duties — attempting to weed out those who may not qualify for services — rather than focusing on outreach and providing services.

But in discussing Barrios-Paoli's appointment, de Blasio painted a different picture for the city's future, pledging to reduce the city's homeless shelter population, which has steadily increased to roughly 52,000 people.

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"We are simply not going to allow this kind of reality to continue," de Blasio said.

Barrios-Paoli cited de Blasio's "Tale of Two Cities" campaign theme in accepting the appointment.

"I've spent the bulk of my career trying to work on behalf of the poor," she said. "It is incredibly exciting for me to be in an administration that really makes that a central tenet."

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"She is smart, dedicated and tireless — exactly the combination New York needs to reverse record homelessness and restore hope to our most vulnerable neighbors."

Coalition for the Homeless, on incoming Deputy Mayor of Health and Human Services Lilliam Barrios-Paoli

## Baruch College. Freshman dead after frat hazing incident

A Baruch College freshman died in an apparent hazing ritual in the Poconos last weekend, the Monroe County, Penn., District Attorney's office reported.

The DA's office said Chen "Michael" Deng, 19, went to Pennsylvania with members of the Pi Delta Psi fraternity. He was one of four pledges participating in a ritual in the yard of a local residence early Sunday.

Deng was brought to a hospital by peers around 8:15 a.m. with major brain trauma. He died Monday morning.

Authorities are investigating his death.

#### Pattern

#### Man scams elderly victims of \$420K: Cops

A man posing as a cop scammed \$420,000 from 24 victims since 2011, targeting elderly women, police said.

Victims, only one of whom was male, gave the suspect cash from their bank accounts thinking it was for an investigation.

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#### In the club

# Man sought in club shooting

Police are looking to question a man in connection with a shooting at the nightclub SOB's in downtown Manhat-

A gunman opened fire in the club just after midnight on Sept. 12, police said. Four people were shot in the legs.

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# **Bloomberg** decries online firearm sales

Free-for-all. Sales through websites are almost entirely unregulated, no background checks required.

Mayor Michael Bloomberg and his chief policy advisor, John Feinblatt, released a new Mayors Against Illegal Guns report Thursday on online gun sales.

The report comes almost a year after the mass shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Conn., that killed 20 young children and six educators. Bloomberg slammed Congress for their inaction on gun control since then.

The report looked at the website Armslist.com and found that many of the sellers were trafficking enough firearms that they should be required to get a federal license to sell guns.

Because they are operating as "private sellers," however, they are not required to conduct or undergo background checks.

These guns could end up in New York too, despite the state's fairly stringent gun control regulations. Unless a website is based in New York, Feinblatt explained, there is little way to enforce city or state law.

Mayors Against Illegal Guns found that legislation closing private sales loopholes would be effective: In states where private sellers are required

#### **Criminal records**

Mayors Against Illegal Guns used private investigators to look into the people selling guns on the website Armslist.com.

The investigators found that one out of every three sellers had a criminal record.



Twenty-nine percent of the Armslist. com gun dealers sell a high enough volume of guns that they should be required to register for a federal license to sell firearms.

At the current rate, these dealers would sell 243,800 guns a year.

#### Failure

"It's important to remember that nothing has changed [with qun control] in Washington since Newtown."

Mayor Michael Bloomberg

to conduct background checks, 73 percent did so.

Ultimately, they said, it all comes back to Congress requiring that all gun sellers comply with the federal law mandating background checks for buyers.

"Until Congress acts, we will continue to watch the Internet funnel tens of thousands of guns into the hands of dangerous individuals," Feinblatt said. "And we'll continue to watch the horror as our fellow citizens are gunned down."

The mayor said this report is the last Mayors Against Illegal Guns will issue during his tenure, but he vowed to continue his work pushing for gun control.

"We will keep fighting," he said. "We will keep fighting even harder."





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# **Lower East Siders say** no, no, no to SantaCon

#### Shenanigans.

A local group is pushing back against the yearly bar crawl that floods the city with drunk Santas.

NYPD Commissioner Ray Kelly might support Santa-Con, but not everyone is happy about the impending influx of thousands of jolly, rum-soaked Santas in the Lower East Side this weekend.

L.E.S. Dwellers, a group of residents dedicated to making the nightlife-filled neighborhood "more livable, balanced, diverse and sustainable," is declaring their neighborhood a

"SantaCon Free Zone."

posted They around the neighborhood featuring photos of drunken antics from previous years.

"Alcohol-soaked father Christmas-themed mob not welcome here,' the fliers read. "Take your body fluids and public intoxication elsewhere (and off this island, preferably). We do not apologize for any inconvenience.

While a Midtown police precinct captain urged local watering holes not to participate in SantaCon, Kelly has defended it.

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State District Judge Jean Boyd on Tuesday sentenced the 16-year-old boy to 10 years probation and ordered him to get therapy. The teen was driving a pickup truck when he ran down four people who were helping fix a vehicle along the roadside in the Fort Worth area.

A psychologist for the defense said the teen suffered from "affluenza," a condition in which a person feels shielded from problems by money, having led a life of privilege paid for by his parents, local media reported.

The four people killed in the June incident were Breanna Mitchell, whose car broke down, Hollie and Shelby Boyles, who lived nearby and came out to help and youth minister Brian Jennings, who stopped to help, the Fort Worth Star Telegram reported.

The paper has been flooded with comments on the sentence, almost all of which were critical of the judge. REUTERS

"It is a slap in the face to people who rely on the justice system and just reinforces the idea that the best defense is loads of money."

Shirley Watson Wrote in a comment to the paper on Thursday

#### Opinion

#### TOM **FOREMAN**

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# **COMPROMISE?** NOT ME

To hear the big players in D.C. talk, no matter which party badge they wear, you would think that bipartisanship was the greatest thing for improving relationships since Viagra. Watch what they do, however, and you'll notice what many like in theory, they despise in practice.

Case in point: The deal pushed forward by the House Budget Committee Chair Republican Paul Ryan, and Senate Democrat Patty Murray. Despite the fact that bitter budget debates have been rocking Washington for many months, these two hammered out an agreement to kill the threat of another government shutdown next year, and more or less stabilize the budget into 2015.

To make it work, each major party would gain something it wanted, and each would give

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up something. In other words, it was a classic compromise. And yet, almost before the two could finish saying, "We have an agreement!" stalwarts on both sides were lighting torches, rallying their mobs and storming Capitol Hill in protest at least figuratively.

For the record, I'm not writing here in favor of or against the deal That's not my job. And I recognize that any plan can face legitimate opposition. But it is painfully clear that some

folks on each side of the budget debate are ready to oppose any plan that gives the other side any concession. Even many of those who supported this budget idea made a great display of holding their noses. And if they offered any "praise," it mostly any platse, it mostly ran along the lines of that old joke: "You know, for a heavy girl, you don't sweat much!"

None of this should be surprising. The climate in D.C. has been increasingly poisonous for years. The gap between the left and right has grown wider. And extremists on both sides will attack members of their own party at the first sign of moderate thought.

Because they are engaged in a great political war — and despite all their words about bipartisanship, what they really want is not cooperation but capitulation.



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# **House OKs two-year** budget plan, Senate to vote next week

Funds. The bill authorizes \$633 billion in defense spending for 2014.

Republican-controlled U.S. House of Representatives on Thursday passed a two-year, bipartisan budget plan that would end some automatic spending cuts on federal agencies and replace them with more targeted government sav-

an overwhelming margin, the House passed the measure that also aims to end the partisan fighting between



Republicans and Democrats over fiscal affairs, which led to last October's 16-day partial government shutdown.

The budget deal must

next pass the Democratic-controlled ate before being sent to President Barack Obama for signing into law.

#### **Boehner erupts** at conservative groups

John Boehner erupted in anger at conservative groups who opposed the two-year budget deal on Thursday as lawmakers prepared to vote on the measure in the lower house.

The Republican Boehner said groups had "lost all credibility" and stepped "over the line" by urging lawmakers to oppose

#### Guilty of treason

#### **North Korea** says Jang Song Thaek, uncle of leader Kim Jong Un, executed

North Korea said on Friday Jang Song Thaek, the uncle of leader Kim

Jong Un and previously considered the second most powerful man in the secretive state, has been executed after a special military tribunal found him guilty of treason.

The accused Jang brought together undesirable forces and formed a faction as the boss of



a modern-day factional group for a long time and thus committed such hideous crime as attempting to overthrow the state, the North's official KCNA news agency said.

The execution caps a spectacular downfall of the husband of leader Kim's aunt. reuters

# **Pro-Clinton. Democrats** highlight Christie in New Jersey skirmish

A Democratic group with ties to Hillary Clinton has launched a campaign attacking New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie over a political flap in his home state in an early skirmish between the two likely contenders in the 2016 presidential race.

The group, Correct the Record, is promoting a graphic depicting Christie at the George Washington Bridge with traffic signs that read "Political Retribution" and "Lanes Closed. Expect Christie?"

The group said on Thursday it aims to put a national face on a local controversy that began in September, when two out of three local on-ramps to the George Washington Bridge in New Jersey were inexplicably closed in the town of Fort Lee.

The closings snarled traffic and angered New York City-bound commuters who use the bridge, the busiest span in the nation. The lanes were re-opened after several days. Democrats contend the lane closures were ordered by Christie supporters at the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey. REUTERS



## Nuts over nibbles

Britain's Queen Elizabeth was so incensed with royal police officers eating nuts from bowls left out in the corridors of Buckingham Palace that she drew lines on the sides of the bowls in a bid to catch them out, a London court heard on Thursday. In emails submitted to the phone hacking trial of journalists at Rupert Murdoch's now defunct News of the World tabloid, its royal reporter said he had learned that a memo had been issued to all officers telling them to "keep their sticky fingers out." REUTERS / GETTY IMAGES



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#### In the news

#### Newtown sparks nationwide gun debate

The massacre in Newtown did not just send the nation into mourning, but also ignited a heated national debate on the country's gun laws and inspired a package of national gun control measures in Congress, as well as calls for better security in schools.

The bills, which included a national ban on assault weapons and expanding the use of background checks for gun purchases, were ultimately rejected after U.S. law-makers decided they might infringe on the constitutional right to bear arms.

The onus now seems to have shifted to individual states, where both guncontrol and gunrights advocates have notched wins.

Electoral and legislative fights since Newtown — including the election last month of a Democratic gun-control supporter, Terry McAuliffe, as governor of Virginia, the home state of the powerful National Rifle Association gun lobby — are likely a foretaste of battles to come next year in federal and state elections.

#### By the numbers

1,500

In response to the Newtown massacre and the 2012 shooting deaths of 12 people in an Aurora, Colo., movie theater, about 1,500 pieces of gun legislation were introduced in U.S. state legislatures, according to the National Institute for Money in State Politics in Helena, Mont. Only about 10 percent of them were passed, with a slight edge for gun-rights





# Scarlett Lewis, After losing her son, she has chosen to live her life by his final message

Jesse Lewis, 6, saved his classmates by shouting "Run!" the day a lone gunman walked into his classroom at Sandy Hook Elementary School. It was an act of heroism that cost the young child his life.

His mother, Scarlett Lewis, has kept his memory alive at home. The walls are lined with paintings and smiling photos, letters, stuffed animals and quilts. Jesse's favorite rubber ducks are everywhere, and his easel is in the attic, frozen in time with an unfinished painting.

Lewis said she gets messages from her son every day - sometimes it's as slight as hearing a song by Jesse's favorite band, Maroon 5. Other times, she said, it's as miraculous as when Lewis and her older son, J.T., looked up and saw "jesse + jesus together forever" in skywriting during a trip to Florida.

Lewis said that she decided her son's death would bring her purpose.

"I made a conscious choice," she said firmly. "Adam Lanza killed Jesse, but he did not kill J.T. and

Lewis took refuge at her mother's house



AND SCARLETT LEWIS

immediately after Jesse's death, but when she returned home she found a note from Jesse on the chalkboard that she hadn't noticed before: "Nurturing, healing, love.'

The message, in a 6-year-old's handwriting and spelling, remains untouched — Lewis covered it with a piece of glass.

It also prompted Lewis to write a book about her experience, "Nurturing, Healing, Love: A Mother's Journey of Hope and Forgiveness," and start the Jesse Lewis Choose Love Foundation. She said her trauma has been healed, but "reality is just sinking in" and she still experiences a state of shock a couple of times a week.

"His spirit is with me, but the hardest thing is missing his physical body," she said, her voice

## Mark Barden, The composer hasn't written since losing his youngest child

Mark Barden, a jazz composer and guitarist, hasn't been able to write music since his son Daniel died in last year's shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary. Instead, he finds solace in spending time with his two surviving children, James, 13, and Natalie, 11.

"I bask in my kids — I just bask in them," he said.

Barden said his children have been incredibly strong since the tragedy that claimed their little brother's life.

"When [my wife] Jackie and I have our breakdowns, they come right to us with compassion and empathy," he said. The holiday season

is especially tough for Barden. He recalled the time Natalie brought home eggnog — a drink at the center of many family traditions and memories. "I said, 'It reminds me too much of last year just can't,' and she said, 'I know. I understand.'

He recalls teaching Daniel to play "Jingle Bells" on the piano the very morning of the shooting and can still remember Daniel's reaction to the song "The Christmas Shoes" during a car ride.

"I look in the mirror



**WOULD DANIEL DO?"** 

and see Daniel looking out the window with tears rolling down his cheeks. That's the depth of his empathy right there.'

Through it all, Barden said he has found his calling, which is working with the Sandy Hook Foundation to teach people to "parent together" and open a dialogue about gun safety and mental health. He said Daniel, who always reached out to outcasts and new kids, inspires him to pursue his mission. Through Sandy Hook Promise, Barden hopes to help community leaders and teachers identify at-risk children and address their needs.

Of gunman Adam Lanza, Barden said, "The sad connection I can't help thinking is this individual who ... killed all these little first-graders was the kid who sat alone.'



## Ian Hockley. He turned to advocacy for other autistic kids since his son's death

More than anything, Ian Hockley misses hearing his son Dylan's laugh.

"He would laugh at anything, and if he was upset or having a tantrum, you could just tickle him and he'd laugh,' Hockley told Metro.

Six-year-old Dylan, who was autistic, was hugging his aide Anne Marie Murphy when they were both shot and killed at Sandy Hook on Dec. 14 of last year. As the anniversary of his son's death approaches, Hockley holds his fondest memories tightly.

Dylan loved jumping on the trampoline over and over again, laughing all the while, he recalled.

"If we were on the trampoline, we had to bounce and play until he was giddy and ready to be sick," Hockley said.

He described the past year as a roller coaster since losing his son.

Sometimes it's down and sometimes it's back up," Hockley said, adding that, unfortunately, the downs haven't gotten

"Sometimes it's worse, because in the first few months you have shock to protect you. But you also



learn to deal with it and get back up quicker.'

He has been working through his grief with Dylan's Wings of Change, a nonprofit dedicated to autism awareness and supporting autistic children through technology and athletic activities.

"We saw how Dylan was progressing and we said, 'Let's do the same for other kids,'" Hockley said.

He described an outpouring of support, which he said has helped his family wade through the tragedy — a day-to-day process, especially for his

surviving son, Jake. His advice? "In one hand, you have this massive pain, and in the other hand you can collect wonderful things and friends."



**ANDREA** PARK

#### Timeline: Mass shootings 2012-2013

Horrific incidents like the 2012 Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting put a renewed spotlight on gun violence, but dozens of American lives have been claimed in mass shootings since 2000, many of which involved the use of semiautomatic weapons. Metro compiled a list of some, but not nearly all, of the highly

publicized shootings in the U.S. involving a lone gunman that claimed at least four lives.

July 20, 2012 - Aurora. Colo.: James Holmes, 25. shot and killed 12 people in a movie theater during the premiere of "The Dark Knight Rises" using several weapons, including a semiautomatic rifle

Aug. 5, 2012 - Oak Creek, Wis.: Wade Michael Page, 40, killed four people with a semiautomatic weapon inside a Sikh temple before turning the gun on himself.

Mark Barden keeps this sticker on the rear window of his car as a

nder to others. / LENYON WHITAKER, METRO

Dec. 14. 2012 - Newtown. Conn.: Adam Lanza, 20,

shot and killed his mother and 26 people inside Sandy Hook Elementary School before taking his own life.

Sept. 16, 2013 -Washington, D.C.: Aaron Alexis, 34, shot and killed 12 people inside the Washington Navy Yard with a 12-gauge shotgun before

he was shot and killed by police.

June 7, 2013 - Santa Monica, Calif.: John Zawahri, 23, opened fire in a home and later on the campus of Santa Monica College, killing five people with a semiautomatic rifle. He was killed during a

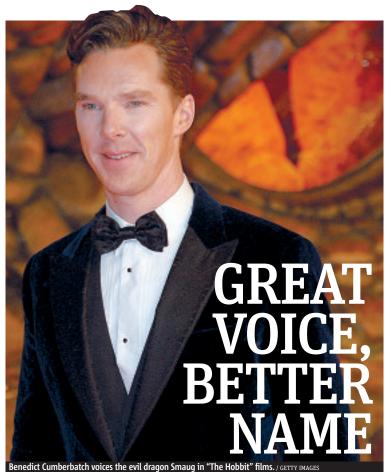
shoot-out with police.

July 26, 2013 - Hialeah, Fla.: Pedro Alberto Vargas, 42, shot and killed six people with a semiautomatic weapon in his apartment complex before setting fire to his own apartment. He was shot and killed by a SWAT team.



#### Here, there and everywhere

Thanks to his rugged-nerd looks, Benedict Cumberbatch has been all over the place this year.
Though he's only a voice in "The Hobbit' films, he's also been Star Trek Into Darkness," "12 Years a Slave," "The Fifth Estate" (pictured) and "August: Osage County."



**Interview.** Smaug voice actor Benedict Cumberbatch barely met any of the cast while making the second "Hobbit."

Most actors involved in the "Hobbit" film series talk about the joys of becoming de facto residents of New Zealand, moving to the lower hemisphere to film three movies back-to-backto-back. But for Benedict Cumberbatch, who plays the dragon Smaug (including voice and motion capture - he also pulled double duty as the Necromancer), he was there for barely more than a week.

"That was the biggest con of doing this. After hearing all these stories of the live action harrowingness, and all the amazing work these people put in, I did my work in about eight days," Cumberbatch says. "I feel like I'm the cheat at the table, really.

On top of that, while the bulk of his screen time is spent sparring with his "Sherlock" co-star, Martin Freeman, as titular hobbit

Bilbo Baggins, they weren't actually present for any of each other's performances. "I didn't spend any sort of live time with Martin, which was sad," he says. "[On 'Sherlock'] I'm in the room with him and I'm not the flying, psychotic napalm machine."

While he and Freeman are old pals, there was a whole cast of co-stars he missed out on befriending. "Sadly, I met hardly any of the cast," he says. "Richard [Armitage] and I met once. I crossed over with people as they were coming back to do, I think, their third stint. I've had scenes with people I haven't even met yet. So that is bizarre."

Also bizarre was embodying a dragon for his performotion-capture mance, something a bit more abstract and reptilian than Andy Serkis' work as Gollum. "It's only going to be an impression of something that's a serpentine reptile who can breathe fire and fly because I'm a limited biped mammal. Sorry about that," he jokes.



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#### Richard Armitage gets soaked

As Thorin Oakenshield, the leader of the 13-dwarf team out to best a dragon and return his people to their homeland, Richard Armitage has his work cut out for him in "The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug." But the British actor probably wasn't expecting that work to be quite so harrowing, like the elaborate action sequence involving the dwarfs riding in barrels down a raging river.

"I think the most dangerous part of filming the barrel sequence was when we were in these little cutoff 'Flintstones'-style barrels which were powered by our feet," Armitage says. "It came together in quite a few different places on the Pelorus River, which was an extremely fast-flowing river. I did end up getting dragged under by that current.

And if the forces of nature trying to drown him weren't enough, he also had director Peter Jackson's best technicians trying their hands at it as well. "We went into a soundstage where Pete had built a kind of water course powered by two V8 engines. It was like being at a theme park for two weeks," he

remembers. "They were dumping tons of water on us and trying to get us to go under the water. But I think it was worth it."



"THE HOBBIT." / WIREIMAGE

# Chaos reigns in 'Hustle'

True tall tale. With his latest, director David O. Russell tries to bring his love of disorder to the keyed-up "Goodfellas" genre.

A decade ago, David O. Russell was a "difficult" film-maker, prone to eccentric projects ("I Heart Huckabees") and scandalous onset outbursts. He's pulled an impressive 180, albeit

#### Review

'American Hustle'

Director: David O. Russell

Stars: Christian Bale, Amy Adams

Rating: R

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by churning out films that wouldn't seem to interest such an iconoclast: an inspirational sports saga ("The Fighter") and a feel-good dramedy about mental illness ("Silver Linings Playbook"). True, he's forced those projects to fit his own disorder-loving brand. But they still smack of compromise.

Without assuming too much, it's likely he identifies a lot with the characters of "American Hustle," about the larger-than-life Abscam operation of the '70s and '80s. Christian Bale and Amy Adams play con artists blackmailed by the feds — including Bradley Cooper's overzealous agent — into entrapping a connected but decent mayor (Jeremy Renner).

But each character is forced to become someone he or she is not. The narration track brims over with statements about having to adapt and reinvent and generally mask one's true self to get by. Is Russell trying to say something? He



remains a desperate artist in a business that turns on you with the first hint of failure.

This is his "Goodfellas" movie, filled with whiplash camera moves and pop songs. In truth, he meets the genre halfway. Russell is not Martin Scorsese. He doesn't do "cool shots." His passion is for observing actors, giving them the

space to create chaos that his frames struggle to contain. There's a push-pull between its director's style and the material's own requisite style. Say what you will about this shrill yet hilarious romp, but only one person could have made it.



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# Biopic. Disney makes up a story about 'Mary Poppins'

"Saving Mr. Banks" is an awful film, perhaps an evil one. But it will make a great grad school paper. In it, Disney uses its considerable power to rewrite history, hoping attractive fiction will replace the nasty (albeit much more fun) truth. The subject is the making of "Mary Poppins," the behemoth's delightful desecration of P.L. Travers novels. Travers hated the movie with the fire of 10 million volcanoes.

#### Review

'Saving Mr. Banks'

Director: John Lee Hancock

Stars: Emma Thompson, Tom Hanks

Rating: PG-13

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But that's not a very nice story. And so "Saving Mr. Banks" invents a new one. Here, Travers (Emma Thompson) is an acid-tongued, eternally strident spinster. Flown in from England to belatedly sign off on the project, she complains about the script, the sets, the clothes and, most of all, the half-animated segment Walt Disney himself (Tom Hanks) secretly has planned.

But don't worry: She'll come around, at least in the land of make-believe. This is the story of a frozen heart melting, with Travers as a Grinch who's a nuisance in public, but in private secretly bear-hugs the massive Mickey Mouse plush doll sadistically placed in her hotel room. It wants to have it both ways: to be both a critique of Disney and an embodiment of the company's ills.

MATT PRIGGE





# Oh, you're going to see it anyway

**Sequel.** The second in the supersized "Hobbit" trilogy is just a bunch of stuff happening.

Watching what Peter Jackson has done to J.R.R. Tolkien's "The Hobbit" – a nice, sprightly lark that doesn't break 300 pages, now hubristically super-sized into three, threehour films — may lead to Stockholm Syndrome. The second installment, "The Desolation of Smaug," is easier to take than the first. That's not due to any particular thing it does; it's simply because the shock of Jackson's crimes have

worn off. One is allowed to sit back and accept that this will be a trilogy with just a bunch of mildly diverting, often seemingly purposeless loud and clangy stuff.

If you haven't seen the first since a year ago, you may even forget what exactly is being sought by hairy-footed hobbit Bilbo Baggins (Martin Freeman, as always an engaging maker of terrific faces) and his band of largely interchangeable dwarves (most fat and short, with some tall and brooding Viggo Mortensen knockoffs). The plot doesn't advance much, and the film cuts out right before the climax.

But not all is gloomy. Gone are the dwarf songs



'The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug'

Director: Peter Jackson

Stars: Martin Freeman. Ian McKellen

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and excessive washing of dishes. "Smaug" is basically all action. There's a long-take chase scene with our heroes in barrels falling down a river. And technology has finally - belatedly — aged to where we get a truly awe-inspiring dragon, and one voiced by no less than Benedict Cumberbatch. Then again, winged Smaug doesn't do much but sleep in his own version of Scrooge

McDuck's Money Bin and then breathe fire without hitting anyone.

You can see all the sweat from Jackson pounding "The Hobbit" into a retread — to will that financial zenith back into life after some setbacks (like his also swollen "King Kong" and the truly disastrous massacre "The Lovely Bones"). He even brings back bor-Legolas (Orlando Bloom). By the time Jackson unaccountably inserts flame-eyed Sauron into his narrative, it's apparent that his fiddling with the source has become so reckless that the third film will be a deep and flavorful bouillabaisse of crazy that may have nothing to do with Tolkien.



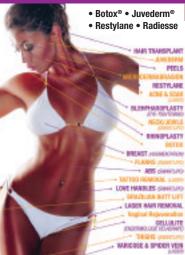
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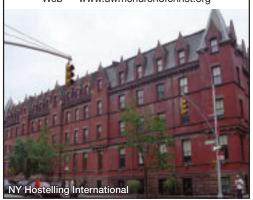
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Rather than embrace the masses, the Brooklynbased duo continued with an even more zany second album, "Congratulations," in 2010. "Kids" was no longer on the setlist.

This apparent fan ne-



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With Dinosaur Jr. and Kuroma Friday, 8 p.m. **Barclays Center** 620 Atlantic Ave., Brooklyn \$23-\$45, 917-618-6700 www.ticketmaster.com glect reads as career suicide; MGMT's paradoxical style can seem hipster, but they are out to please themselves. The 30-yearold rockers are backed by a major label (Columbia) and free to satiate their musical whims - something they've taken into their third album, "MGMT."

Goldwasser says doesn't understand why anybody would feel betrayed by the direction his band has taken.

"I feel like we're presenting ourselves in the way we'd like to be seen," he says. "It's a little strange to us that people want to impose a narrative on us as a band.'

But the narrative now seems to be that they refuse to stay in one place for very long.
"We've never intention-

ally alienated anybody," he says. "We're people who appreciate lots of different music: catchy dance music, noisy industrial stuff and quiet, pretty music."

One gesture that seems like they're not trying to alienate anybody is the band finally joining Twitter this year.

"We just started doing it because we were bored in the studio," says Goldwasser.

You have to start somewhere.



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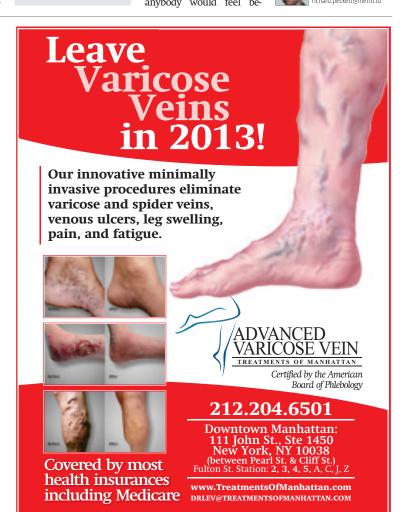
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ALL IS LOST (PG-13) Fri and Sat 9:55, 12:50, 3:30, 6:15, 12:40.C INDEPENDENT;Digital Presentation; Sun 9:55-1 2:50 - 3:30 - 6:15. C INDEPENDENT;Digital Presentation

BLACK NATIVITY (PG) Fri and Sat 9:35, 12:05, 2:40, 5:15, 11:45. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video;Digital Presentation: Sun 9:35-12:05-2:40 5:15-7:50. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video;Digital Presentation THE BOOK THIEF (PG-13) Fri and Sat

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CAPTAIN PHILLIPS (PG-13) Fri and Sat

10:50, 2:10, 5:25, 8:40, 11:55. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video;Digital Presentation; **Sun** 10:50-5:25-8:40-11:55. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video;Digital Presentation

COMMITMENT (DONG-CHANG-SAENG) (NR) Fri 10:40.C INDEPENDENT; Digital Presentation; Sat 9:00-10:40.C INDE-PENDENT;Digital Presentation; **Sun** 10:40.C INDEPENDENT;Digital Presentation

DALLAS BUYERS CLUB (R) Fri and Sat 10:05, 1:05, 4:10, 7:10, 10:10.C INDEPEN-DENT;DVS-Descriptive Video Service; Digital Presentation; **Sun** 10:05 1:05-4:10-7:10-10:10.C INDEPENDENT; CC-Closed Captions; Digital Presentation FRIEND 2 (CHINGU 2) (NR) Fri and Sat

9:25, 12:20, 3:20, 6:20, 9:25, 12:45.C; INDEPENDENT;Digital Presentation; **Sun** 9:25-12:20-3:20-6:20-9:25.C INDE-

Sun 9:25-12:20-3:20-5:20-9:25.5. INDE-PENDENT/Digital Presentation GRAVITY 3D (PG-13) 9:20, 11:45, 2:20, 4:50, 7:25, 10:00. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video;RealD 3D THE HOBBIT: THE DESOLATION OF SMAUG AN IMAX 3D EXPERIENCE (PG 13) 11:00, 2:45, 6:30, 10:15. IMAX;RealD

THE HORRIT: THE DESOLATION OF **SMAUG IN 3D** (PG-13) 11:30, 3:15, 7:00, 10:45. RealD 3D; 3:45-11:15. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video;RealD 3D; **Fri** and **Sat** 9:30-1:15-5:00-8:45-12:30. ETX: Enhanced Theatre Experience;RealD 3D; **Sun** 9:30-1:15-5:00-8:45. ETX: Enhanced Theatre Experience:RealD 3D

THE HOBBIT: THE DESOLATION OF SMAUG (PG-13) Fri and Sat 10:00, 10:30, 1:45, 2:15, 5:30, 6:00, 8:00, 9:05, 9:15, 9:30, 9:45, 1:00. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video;Digital Presentation; Fri 9:00-12:00-12:45 4:30-7:30-8:15-12:00. Digital Presentation; **Sat** 12:00-12:45-4:30-7:30-8:15-12:00. Digital Presentation; **Sun** 9:00-12:00-12:45-4:30-7:30-8:15-12:00. Digital Presentation; **Sun** 10:00-10:30-1:45-2:15-5:30-6:00-9:05-9:15

9:30-9:45. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video: Digital Presentation **HOURS** (PG-13) **Fri** and **Sat** 9:10, 11:50, 2:30, 5:05, 7:45, 10:25, 1:00.C INDE-PENDENT;Digital Presentation; Sun 9:10-11:50-2:30-5:05-7:45-10:25.C INDEPENDENT;Digital Presentation THE HUNGER GAMES: CATCHING FIRE

(PG-13) Fri 10:05, 10:55, 11:45, 1:30, 2:20, 3:10, 4:05, 4:55, 5:45, 6:40, 7:30, 8:20, 9:10, 10:05, 10:55, 11:45, 12:35 CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video; Digital Presentation; **Sat** 9:15-10:05-11:45-12:40-1:30-3:10-4:05-4:55-6:40-7:30-8:20-10:05-10:55-11:45. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Digital Presentation: Sun 9:15 10:05-10:55-11:45-12:40-1:30-2:20-3:10-4:05-4:55-5:45-6:40-7:30-8:20-9:10-10:05-10:55-11:45 CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video;Digital Presentation

IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE (1946) (PG) Sun 2:00. Digital Presentation THE METROPOLITAN OPERA:

FALSTAFF (NR) Sat 12:55.C INDEPEN-

OLDBOY (R) Fri and Sat 12:25. CC-Closed Captions; Digital Presentation; Sun 10:30. CC-Closed Captions:Digital

Presentation
OUT OF THE FURNACE (R) Fri 12:05, 1:35, 3:05, 6:05, 7:35, 9:05, 12:05. CC-Closed Captions; Digital Presentation; Sat 12:05-3:05-4:35-6:05-9:05-10:35 12:05. CC-Closed Captions;Digital Presentation; **Sun** 10:35-12:05-3:05-4:35-6:05-9:05-10:35-12:00, CC-Closed

Captions;Digital Presentation

THOR: THE DARK WORLD (PG-13) Fri and Sat 9:10, 1:40, 3:10, 4:40, 7:40, 10:40, 1:00. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video; Digital Presentation; 9:10-1:40-3:10-4:40-7:40-10:40 CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video;Digital Presentation

THOR: THE DARK WORLD 3D (PG-13)

12:10, 6:10. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video:RealD 3D

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THE BEST MAN HOLIDAY (R) Fri 9:30, 3:05, 8:45. Digital Presentation; Sat 9:30-8:00. Digital Presentation; Sun 9:30-3:05-8:45. Digital Presentation THE BOOK THIEF (PG-13) 11:00, 2:15,

5:15, 8:15, 11:15.C INDEPENDENT; Digital Presentation **DALLAS BUYERS CLUB** (R) 10:30, 1:15, 4:10, 7:10, 10:00.C INDEPENDENT; Digital Presentation

FROZEN (PG) 10:00, 12:40, 2:45, 3:30, 7:00. Digital Presentation FROZEN 3D (PG) 4:00, 9:50. RealD 3D GRAVITY 3D (PG-13) 9:45, 12:15, 6:00,

8:20, 10:45. RealD 3D

THE HOBBIT: THE DESOLATION OF SMAUG AN IMAX 3D EXPERIENCE (PG-13) 9:00, 12:35, 4:10, 7:45, 11:20. IMAX;RealD 3D

THE HORRIT: THE DESOLATION OF **SMAUG IN 3D** (PG-13) 9:30, 1:05, 4:40, 8:15, 11:50. RealD 3D

THE HOBBIT: THE DESOLATION OF **SMAUG** (PG-13) 10:30, 11:30, 2:00, 3:10, 5:45, 6:45, 9:15, 10:20. Digital

HOMEFRONT (R) Fri 12:30, 6:00, 11:45. Digital Presentation; **Sat** 5:15-11:00. Digital Presentation; **Sun** 12:30-6:00-

THE HUNGER GAMES: CATCHING FIRE (PG-13) 9:15, 10:15, 12:30, 1:45, 2:45, 5:00, 6:15, 8:15, 9:45, 11:30. Digital Presentation

THE METROPOLITAN OPERA:
FALSTAFF (NR) Sat 12:55.C INDEPEN-

**OUT OF THE FURNACE** (R) 9:15, 12:00, 5:25, 8:10, 11:00. Digital Presentation **THOR: THE DARK WORLD** (PG-13) 10:40, 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:30. Digital

TYLER PERRY'S A MADEA CHRISTMAS (PG-13) 10:00, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:40. Digital Presentation

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CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service; Sun 11:00-6:00. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service; Sun 11:00-6:00. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive

Video Service FROZEN (PG) 11:10, 2:20, 5:00, 8:20, 10:50. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service

FROZEN 3D (PG) Fri and Sat 10:30, 1:10, 4:00, 7:00. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Vide;RealD 3D; Sun 1:10-4:00-7:00. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Vide;RealD 3D

THE HOBBIT: THE DESOLATION OF SMAUG IN 3D (PG-13) Fin and Sat 11:30, 4:20, 10:30, 11:30. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive V;in RealD 3D, Sun 11:30-4:20-10:30. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive V;in RealD 3D THE HOBBIT: THE DESOLATION OF

**SMAUG IN HFR 3D** (PG-13) 12:10, 3:50, 7:30, 11:00. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descripti:HFR:in RealD 3D THE HOBBIT: THE DESOLATION OF

SMAUG (PG-13) Fri and Sat 10:00, 12:50, 2:10, 3:10, 6:50, 8:00, 9:00, 12:20. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service; **Sun** 10:00-12:50-2:10-3:10-6:50-8:00-9:00. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive

THE HUNGER GAMES: CATCHING FIRE (PG-13) **Fri** and **Sat** 10:10, 11:40, 1:20, 3:20, 4:35, 6:40, 7:50, 10:10, 11:10, 12:00; Sun 10:10-11:40-1:20-3:20-4:35-

6:40-7:50-10:10-11:10. INSIDE LLEWYN DAVIS (R) Fri and Sat 10:20, 11:20, 12:20, 2:00, 3:00, 4:50, 5:50, 7:40, 8:40, 9:30, 10:20, 11:20, 12:50. CC-Closed Captions: Sun 10:20 12:50. CC-Closed Captions; Sun 10:20-11:20-12:20-2:00-3:00-4:50-5:50-7:40-8:40-9:30-10:20. CC-Closed Captions THE METROPOLITAN OPERA: FALSTAFF (NR) Sat 12:55 THOR: THE DARK WORLD (PG-13) Fri

1:25, 4:40, 7:45, 10:45. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service; **Sat** 4:40-7:45-10:45. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service; Sun 1:25-4:40-7:45-10:45. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video

TYLER PERRY'S A MADEA CHRISTMAS (PG-13) Fri and Sat 11:00, 12:00, 1:30, 2:30, 4:10, 5:10, 7:10, 8:10, 9:40, 10:40. CC/DVS-Closed Captions Descriptive Video Service: Sun 11:00-12:00-1:30-2:30-4:10-5:10-7:10-8:10-9:40-10:40. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service

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DELIVERY MAN (PG-13) Fri 4:20 9:30 Digital Presentation; **Sat** and **Sun** 11:25-4:25-9:35. Digital Presentation

FROZEN (PG) Fri 10:15, 1:00, 9:15. Digital Presentation; Sat and Sun 9:20-10:25-1:10-6:30. Digital Presentation

FROZEN 3D (PG) Fri 3:45, 6:30. RealD 3D; Sat and Sun 3:50-9:20. RealD 3D GRAVITY 3D (PG-13) Fri 7:00. RealD 3D; **Sat** 9:00-2:00-7:05-12:15. RealD 3D; **Sun** 9:00-2:00-7:05. RealD 3D

THE HOBBIT: THE DESOLATION OF SMAUG AN IMAX 3D EXPERIENCE (PG-13) 9:00, 12:35, 4:10, 7:45, 11:20. IMAX;RealD 3D

IMAX;RealD 3D THE HOBBIT: THE DESOLATION OF SMAUG IN 3D (PG-13) Fri 9:30, 4:40, 8:15, 8:20, 11:50, 11:55, RealD 3D; Sat 9:30-1:05-4:40-8:15-11:50, RealD 3D; Sun 9:30-1:05-4:40-8:15, RealD 3D

THE HORRIT: THE DESOLATION OF SMAUG (PG-13) 10:15, 11:30, 2:00, 3:10, 5:45, 6:45, 9:30, 10:20. Digital Presentation

THE HUNGER GAMES: CATCHING FIRE (PG-13) **Fri** 10:40, 2:00, 4:35, 5:20, 8:00, 8:45, 11:30, 12:10. Digital Presentation; **Sat** and **Sun** 9:40-12:00-1:00-3:35-4:20-7:00-7:50-10:30-11:30

Digital Presentation

OUT OF THE FURNACE (R) Fri 9:10, 12:10, 3:05, 6:00, 9:00, 12:10. Digital Presentation; **Sat** and **Sun** 10:25-1:25-4:15-7:10-10:05. Digital Presentation 4:15-7:10-10:05. Digital Presentation THOR: THE DARK WORLD (PG-13) Fri

10:00, 3:50, 12:35. Digital Presentation; **Sat** and **Sun** 10:05-3:50-9:40. Digital Presentation

THOR: THE DARK WORLD 3D (PG-13) Fri 12:50, 6:45, 9:45. RealD 3D; Sat 12:55-6:50-12:30. RealD 3D; Sun 12:55-6:50. RealD 3D

TYLER PERRY'S A MADEA CHRISTMAS (PG-13) **Fri** 9:30, 10:00, 11:00, 12:05, 12:45, 1:45, 2:50, 3:30, 4:30, 5:35, 6:15, 7:15, 8:15, 9:00, 10:00, 11:00, 11:45, 12:10, 12:30. Digital Presentation; **Sat** 9:30-10:00-11:00-12:05-12:45-1:45-2:45-3:30-4:30-5:30-6:15-7:15-8:15-9:00-10:00-11:00-11:45-12:30. Presentation; **Sun** 9:30-10:00-11:00-12:05-12:45-1:45-2:45-3:30-4:30-5:30-6:15-7:15-8:15-9:00-10:00-11:00. Digital Presentation

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THE BOOK THIEF (PG-13) 9:45, 12:55,

4:00, 7:10, 10:20.C INDEPENDENT; CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video;Digital Presentation

DALLAS BUYERS CLUB (R) 10:50, 1:50,

4:45, 7:40, 10:40.C INDEPENDENT; CC-Closed Captions; Digital Presentation

FROZEN (PG) 10:55, 4:35, 10:10. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive

Video; Digital Presentation

FROZEN 3D (PG) 9:40, 1:45, 7:25.

CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video:RealD 3D

**GRAVITY 3D** (PG-13) 10:00, 12:30, 2:55, 5:30, 8:00, 10:35. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video;RealD 3D THE HOBBIT: THE DESOLATION OF SMAUG THE IMAX EXPERIENCE (PG-13) **Fri** and **Sat** 10:50, 2:30, 6:15, 10:00, 1:35. IMAX;Reserved Seating; **Sun** 10:50-2:30-6:15-10:00. IMAX;Reserved

THE HOBBIT: THE DESOLATION OF SMAUG IN 3D (PG-13) 3:15. RealD 3D THE HOBBIT: THE DESOLATION OF SMAUG (PG-13) 11:30, 7:00, 10:50. Digital Presentation

THE HUNGER GAMES: CATCHING FIRE (PG-13) 10:35, 12:25, 3:55, 7:20, 10:45. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive

MANDELA: LONG WALK TO FREEDOM (PG-13) 12:05, 3:25, 6:45, 10:05.C INDEPENDENT; Digital Presentation **OUT OF THE FURNACE** (R) 9:50, 2:05, 7:55. 10:55. CC-Closed Captions; Digital Presentation

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THE BEST MAN HOLIDAY (R) 1:15, 4:10, 7:20, 10:15. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service

**DELIVERY MAN** (PG-13) 12:10, 2:40, 5:15, 7:50, 10:30. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service FROZEN (PG) 12:20, 3:05, 5:40, 8:20, 10:55. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service

FROZEN 3D (PG) 11:30, 2:10, 4:50. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Vide:RealD 3D

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HOMEFRONT (R) Fri 11:20, 1:50, 4:20, 7:00, 9:45, 12:20, CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service; Sat 1:50-4:20-7:00-9:45-12:20, CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service; Sun 11:20-1:50-4:20-7:00-9:45-12:20. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service SAVING MR. BANKS (PG-13) 11:40. 12:50, 2:30, 3:40, 5:30, 6:40, 7:40, 8:30, 9:40, 10:40, 11:30, 12:40. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video

TYLER PERRY'S A MADEA CHRISTMAS (PG-13) 11:05, 11:50, 1:30, 2:15, 3:55, 4:40, 6:30, 7:30, 9:00, 10:00, 11:45, 12:45. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service; 12:30-2:55-5:20-8:10-10:50. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Ser:RPX

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DELIVERY MAN (PG-13) 12:50. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service FROZEN (PG) 10:10, 11:05, 4:25, 9:45.

CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service

FROZEN 3D (PG) 1:45, 7:10. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Vide;RealD 3D

GRAVITY 3D (PG-13) 1:50, 4:10, 6:30, 9:00. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Vide;RealD 3D

Descriptive Vide; Keal D 3D THE HOBBIT: THE DESOLATION OF SMAUG IN HFR 3D (PG-13) Fri and Sat 10:00, 10:20, 12:00, 3:40, 4:40, 7:20, 8:20, 10:50, 11:30, CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descripti; HFR; in RealD 3D; **Sun** 10:00-10:20-12:00-3:40-4:40-7:20-8:20-10:50. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descripti:HFR:in RealD 3D

THE HOBBIT: THE DESOLATION OF **SMAUG** (PG-13) **Fri** and **Sat** 11:00, 2:40, 6:20. 9:50. 12:20. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service; Sun 11:00-2:40-6:20-9:50. CC/DVS-

Closed Captions & Descriptive Video

THE HUNGER GAMES: CATCHING FIRE (PG-13) Fri and Sat 11:10, 12:10, 2:30, 3:30, 6:00, 7:00, 9:30, 10:30, 12:25; Sun

OUT OF THE FURNACE (R) 11:45, 2:30, 5:15, 8:00, 10:45. CC-Closed Captions **THOR: THE DARK WORLD** (PG-13) 1:30, 4:15, 6:55, 9:40. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service

TYLER PERRY'S A MADEA CHRISTMAS (PG-13) **Fri** and **Sat** 11:40, 2:10, 3:10, 4:50, 5:50, 7:30, 8:30, 10:10, 11:00, 12:10. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service; **Sun** 11:40-2.10-3.10-4.50-5.50-7.30-8.30-10.10-10:55-12:10. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service

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FROZEN 3D (PG) 10:35
THE HOBBIT: THE DESOLATION OF SMAUG IN 3D (PG-13) 1:30, 8:30
THE HOBBIT: THE DESOLATION OF CHARLO IN 15P 2D (PG-13) ET IN 15P 2D (PG-13 SMAUG IN HFR 3D (PG-13) Fri and Sat 9:30, 1:00, 4:30, 8:00, 11:30; **Sun** 9:30-1:00-4:30-8:00. **THE HOBBIT: THE DESOLATION OF** 

**SMAUG** (PG-13) **Fri** and **Sat** 10:00, 5:00, 12:00; **Sun** 10:00-5:00.

THE HUNGER GAMES: CATCHING FIRE (PG-13) Fri 10:45, 11:30, 2:00, 2:45, 5:15, 6:00, 8:30, 9:15, 11:45, 12:30; Sat 11.30-2.00-2.45-5.15-6.00-8.30-9.15 11:45-12:30.; **Sun** 10:45-11:30-2:00-2:45-5:15-6:00-8:30-9:15.

INSIDE LLEWYN DAVIS (R) Fri 10:15, 11:30, 12:45, 2:00, 3:15, 4:30, 5:45, 7:00, 8:15, 9:30, 10:45, 12:00; Sat 10:15-11:30-1:15-2:00-3:45-4:30-6:15-7:00-8:45-9:30-11:15-12:00.; **Sun** 10:15-11:30-12:45-2:00-3:15-4:30-5:45-7:00-8:15-

NEBRASKA (R) Fri 10:10, 12:55, 3:40, 6:25, 9:10; Sat 1:15-3:55-6:35-9:15.; Sun 10:10-12:55-3:40-6:25-9:10.
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# Sparkling wine and sugar cookies with Christina Tosi



**Baking.** The Milk Bar chef teamed up with Chandon to glam up the classic holiday treat.

What happens when you give a baked goods scientist like Momofuku Milk Bar's wildly creative chef, owner and founder Christina Tosi a bottle of bubbly and cookie dough? (She is, after all, the woman who invented Cereal Milk and Crack Pie.) You get Sparkle Cookies!

"I always make cookiecutter cookies over holidays," says the award-winning baker, "and I always go, 'How can I reinvent it?'" To riff on the classic this season, she focused on the icing. "Instead of using water, milk or egg whites to bind the icing we used Blanc de Noirs from Chandon — it's such a fruit-forward wine that it brings out this amazing zest and punch in the icing," she says, adding, "I've actually been sneaking that icing. I'll drizzle it on pound cake, bread, frozen peaches, anything.'

#### Roll up your sleeves

How great is it to be in Tosi's inner circle? Every year the chef creates cookie samplers to bring over to holiday parties and packages up tins of sweet treats for loved ones. We won't even get into the batch of cinnamon buns she whips up for Christmas morning. Inspired to spread the baked goods love? Tosi offers these tips.

- "Starting with good butter is the most important part in the baking process. Use an unsalted European-style butter."
- "Have a few staple items that highlight your personality. I like to use ground coffee. It's always a little bit of a surprise and it adds a great texture."
- "A lot of times during the holidays people go the walnut or pecan route, but I really love

using pistachios. They are incredibly colorful and they have this great fruity, nutty ability."

- "Don't be afraid to use herbs in baked aoods. It's the one time that you can really get away with giving intense, warm herbaceous flavors, because it's cold out."
- "Spend extra time on packaging. I'm really funny about presentation. I'm not incredibly fussy - it's not about it being pristine — but I think that thoughtfulness on how you package something really goes a long way. I get all of my packaging supplies on ULine. com. You can buy tins and jars in various sizes and [the site] gives you really great bulk discounts.



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## Kanye West got totally pwned

Today, a middle-aged police officer in middle America has won the Internet. Well, in my opinion, at least. Ohio police chief David Oliver has penned an open letter to Kanye West (on his department's Facebook page) and, um, it's fairly epic.

Oliver, incensed by Yeezy's recent comments comparing himself to soldiers and cops (I mean, this is a dude who legitimately thinks he's some sort of hip-hop holy figure, so, I feel like a law enforcement comparison is pretty tame) took to the Internet to let the high-art genius (who may or may not be the Second Coming of Christ and also Steve Jobs) know exactly how he felt.

In the letter, which is laced with enough snarky vitriol to give Morrissey's recent (awesome) rant about the British Royals a run for its Internet rage money, Oliver invites Ye to leave the rap game and join the Army: "I'm sure they would just drop weapons and surrender. You could quite possibly end all wars, just from the enemy being star-struck."

# WORD

Alexandra Cavallo takes on the world of gossip.





Here's the thing, though — that is not a scenario that would seem unreasonable to Kanye

Kanye West thinks that Kim Kardashian deserves a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

Kanye West also thinks that Kim Kardashian is a smart cookie. Kanye West thinks thoughts that other people think are crazy.

Still, the idea of some small town policeman taking on Kanye, even via a Facebook post, really

> So does the fact that he signed this post (which, at press time, had almost

20,000 shares on Facebook): "Check yourself, before you wreck yourself."

**EFFING** CLASSIC.

No offense to Ben Affleck, but this is my favorite Kanye West Interwebz feud since the Jimmy Kimmel incident. #teamoliver

## Kevin's expanding Federlineage

Six kids from three different women. That's some tricky math for a guy who I'm pretty sure can't count past 10.

Kevin Federline (remember him, the dude who got kind of famous for five minutes for boning Britney Spears and may or may not have been the catalyst for her epic breakdown which may or may not have served as the blueprint for Amanda Bynes' even more epic breakdown) is going to be a dad.

Again!

The former backup dancer, current — um, actually I don't know what he does now. Works at Chili's, probably? Like as a busboy. Anyway, the man who once boned Britney Spears is now boning new wife Victoria Prince - who, according to a cursory Google search, seems like an attractive, fairly normal person. She's pregnant with her second child, which will be K-Fed's sixth. (Remember "K-Fed" used to be a totally



relevant thing, like "Puff Daddy" or "the other two girls who used to sing near Beyonce.")

Federline has two kids with Spears, two with Shar Jackson (I'm too lazy

to Google her, but I think she's a D-list personality who was famous for five minutes for being the woman who boned the man who boned Britney?) and one with Prince.



#### Talking point

#### **Splitsville**

While it's apparently "Engagement Season" (\*opens window, jumps out\*) not everyone is snuggled up in love's cozy embrace.

While every 20-something girl in your office was updating her Pinterest page with this hour's choice of invitation calligraphy, Taye Diggs and wife Idina Menzel were calling it quits.

This actually made me feel a little sad (as sad as one can feel on behalf of two people one has never met and will never meet) because they seem like notannoying people.

The two met on the set of "Rent" in the 1990s and wed in 2003.

And now they're separating.

Ah well, at least we still have Khloe Kardashian and Lamar Odom.

OH WAIT. They're divorcing, too. (Don't care. The word "Kardashian" has

a Pavlovian, vomitinducing effect on me at this point. Not full-on vomit, just that sour taste at the back of your throat. You know what I mean.)







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Sudoku: Easy and hard

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should be considered.

Aries | March 21-April 20. Patience, compassion and supportive dialogue will help you gain respect. Don't let a job you've been asked to do get you down.

Taurus | April 21-May 21. Today calls for a diversion. You should take time to pursue some new activities or cherished hobbies. Put romance at the top of your

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tives ready to offer but be willing to compromise.

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Make your move with confidence and dash. Your intellectual appeal will be your ticket to the spotlight.

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M Virgo | Aug. 23-Sept. 22. Don't say anything that you may regret. Offer a kind word or gesture. Make decorative changes. Actions will take priority.

△ Libra | Sept. 23-Oct. 22. Add a little excitement to your life. Travel plans or signing up for a course will lift your spirits. A relationship may take a costly turn.

M Scorpio | Oct. 23-Nov. 21. Good fortune will come through interaction with people of different backgrounds. Find ways to make personal improvements. BERNICE BEDE OSOL

How to play

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Letters

## President should be political, not polite

Re: 'Obama can do nothing right' (Metro, Dec. 12) Mr. Fowler, I don't care much about the cell phone picture, but this was not a mere handshake. In international politics, this means a lot. It is shameful and disgusting that the U.S. president has chosen to routinely shake hands with one of the world's most brutal dictators. Yes it was treasonous, and also completely unnecessary. Maybe you should talk to some of the Cuban Americans about the brutality of that regime and see why they may feel betrayed.

GAROLD MINKIN, VIA EMAIL

### Don't blame the cops

Re: 'Not the cops' finest hour' (Metro, Dec. 11)

I'm tired of teenagers and young adults terrorizing our streets and using their illegally obtained firearms for their own personal "justice." Stop the violence! End gang violence in our communities. Parents are out of touch with their teenagers and let them roam free and do not acknowledge their wrongdoings. The teenagers out there are completely out of touch with reality and how to behave like civilized humans. TIM MALLOY, VIA EMAIL

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- 73 Perry's penner

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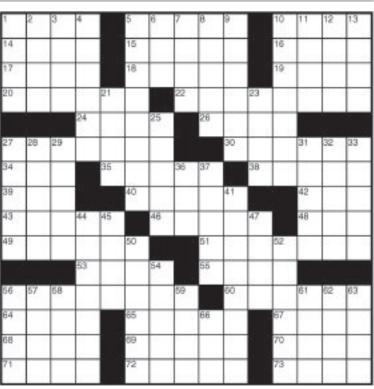
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# Showing he's 'special'

NFL. Linebacker Nick Bellore is excelling on special teams and making his teammates take notice.

On the surface, Nick Bellore is a clean-cut, All-American guy. But on the inside, he admits there is a little crazy that surfaces each time he runs down the field on special teams.

It's made him one of the best special teams players in the league and pivotal for the Jets. He has 13 tackles on special teams this year, good for fifth in the NFL.

"It is probably the most dangerous play in all of sports," Bellore said. "But it's something I've been doing now for a few years. It really is just football wrapped into one - blocking, tackling — everything you want. It is a mindset.'



Safety Ed Reed sat out practice on Thursday, but head coach Rex Ryan said the move was planned.

"Let's get him right for Sunday," Ryan said.

The news was worse on receiver Stephen Hill, who also missed practice as he deals with a knee injury. Ryan said the team was "trying to get him right."

He's on the quieter side in the locker room and he's always the one his teammates ask about when a team meeting or film session starts. Punctuality seems to be a thing with him. He always has a playbook under his arm and often quietly studies it during team meals.

But line him up on kickoffs and he becomes a different man.

"I aspire to play like that man on special teams," linebacker Troy Davis says while Bellore is being interviewed. "The way you accelerate to the ball, oh man.'

Bellore shrugs at the mentality. In fact, he credits Ellis Lankster and Isaiah Trufant in return for their work on special teams in letting him shine.

"That's what I'm asked to do. I've always made a lot of tackles, whether at linebacker or now special teams. It wasn't always flashy but I've been productive," Bellore said. "But we're competitive, whether with Ellis or Trufant. We've got a good unit and we're competitive. That helps. We want to support each other, help each other."

KRISTIAN DYER sports@metro.us



signs with Detroit

Yankee Joba Chamberlain has reportedly signed a one-year deal with Detroit for \$2.5 mil-lion. The reliever was never pursued by the Yankees after struggling to a 4.93 ERA

## **NFL.** Jets-Panthers: Three things to watch

There is no denying the Jets dug themselves a hole recently, but they righted the ship last Sunday in a win over the lowly Raiders.

Now they face a talented Panthers team coming off an ugly loss to the Saints. We break down what to watch for this Sunday (4:05 p.m.,

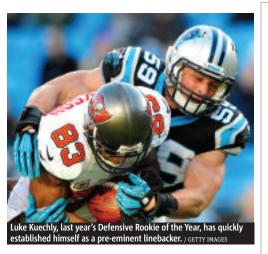
Cool Hand Luke
Luke Kuechly has quickly become one of the league's top linebackers, if not among the best defensive players, in just his second year. He leads the Panthers with 113 tackles and has improved his pass coverage this season, with three interceptions a nod toward that prowess. "A lot of middle linebackers aren't as fast or quick," tight end Jeff Cumberland said. "But he's smart and puts himself in a good spot and he's fast."

**Perfection from Geno** If the Jets are going to get a win at the Panthers,

they need rookie quarterback Geno Smith to channel his performance from their only other road win this season — a Week 5 win at the Falcons, when he won the AFC Offensive Player of the Week award. "He's really developing and growing, but you do see flashes. You see the potential," Panthers head coach Ron Rivera said. "There's most certainly a lot of promise in this young man's abilities.'

Bad timing

They might not admit to it, but the Jets had to be rooting for the Panthers to get a win this past Sunday. Instead, the Saints wiped the floor with them in a 31-13 drubbing. With another game next week against the Saints, facing the Jets could have been a classic trap game. Now, however, the Panthers need a win to tie up a possible playoff berth and will come out an angry team after last week. KRISTIAN DYER





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#### On the back burner

#### Giants vs. **Seahawks:** Three things to watch

The Giants are playing out the string, but promise to continue to play hard for pride. Much more is at stake for the visiting Seahawks (11-2). They're currently the top seed in the conference and can lock up homefield advantage in the NFC with a victory.

Metro gives you three things to watch for on Sunday (1 p.m., FOX):

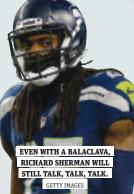
Strength vs. strength The Giants' trio of wideouts — Victor Cruz, Hakeem Nicks and

Rueben Randle - will have their greatest test of the season going against the Seahawks' "Legion of Boom" secondary. That unit, led by their loquacious cornerback Richard Sherman, is arguably the most physical and talented in the league. But Giants offensive coordinator Kevin Gilbride said his receivers have been itching for the chance to prove themselves all

Let them play? The wideout-sec-

ondary battle may be the most intriguing on Sunday, but another important sidebar to the game will be the tone set by the game officials.

Last week's loss to the San Francisco 49ers drew the ire of Sherman, who before the game boasted they were going to manhandle the 49ers'



wideouts and "force the refs to call it." But when Seattle's defensive backs were repeatedly flagged for penalties, it was the Seahawk players who cried foul. "They got the benefit of a few calls throughout the game and that helps you, especially on third down," Sherman said.

#### **Beast mode**

When the Seahawks have the ball, they'll look to slowly sap the will out of the Giants, behind a rushing attack that's among the league's best. Big Blue can expect a steady diet of Marshawn Lynch all game long. TONY WILLIAMS





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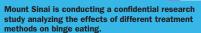
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